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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A method comprising:
2 providing a battery to a user and,
3 communicating battery usage to a remote monitor.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the usage is communicated by the Internet.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1 or 2 wherein the usage is communicated by wireless
2 channel.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1 comprising communicating with the user based on the
2 usage.
- 1 5. The method of claim 4 comprising communicating a bill based on the usage.
- 1 6. The method of claim 5 wherein the bill is communicated to the user by the
2 Internet.
- 1 7. The method of claim 1 comprising providing the battery to the user without a
2 purchase fee.
- 1 8. The method of claim 1 comprising providing the battery in a device to a user
2 without a purchase fee.
- 1 9. The method of claim 8 wherein the device is a communication device.
- 1 10. The method of claim 9 wherein the usage is communicated by the device.
- 1 11. The method of claim 1 wherein the battery is a rechargeable battery.
- 1 12. The method of claim 11 wherein the battery usage is based on recharge cycles.
- 1 A. A system for using a battery, comprising:

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2 a battery having an identification module,
3 a battery or device usage detector;
4 a remote monitor capable of receiving identification and usage information,
5 and
6 a communication apparatus for communicating identification and usage to the
7 remote monitor.

1 [Dependent claims to be added]

1 B. A battery including an electronically readable identification module and usage
2 module.

1 [Dependent claims to be added]

1 C. A remote monitor comprising
2 a communication module adapted to receive a communication of battery
3 identification and usage,
4 a storage module to store the identification and usage information, and
5 a billing module to initiate billing based on the identification and usage information.